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SUBJ: FOREIGN OFFICE ANNOUNCES NOMINATION OF AMBASSADOR GARCIA BEDOYA TO THE U.S.

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1. LIMA PRESS REPORTED NOVEMBER 18 A FOREIGN OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CARLOS GARCIA BEDOYA HAS BEEN NAMED AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. AND THAT THE USG HAS EXTENDED ITS AGREMENT. FOREIGN OFFICE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT GARCIA BEDOYA WOULD BE REPLACED AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BY AMBASSADOR LUIS MARCHAND STENS.

2. UP-TO-DATE BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON GARCIA BEDOYA WAS REPORTED IN REFTEL. AMBASSADOR MARCHAND HAS CARRIED OUT IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC TASKS FOR THE GOP. MARCHAND IS WELL INFORMED ON CIVIL AIR MATTERS; HE WAS, FOR EXAMPLE, PERU'S NEGOTIATOR REGARDING THE 1966 AMENDMENT TO THE U.S.-PERU BILATERAL CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO WASHINGTON AS MINISTER COUNSELOR AND CHARGE OF THE PERUVIAN EMBASSY APPROXIMATELY IN THE 1969-71 PERIOD. AFTER REASSIGNMENT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, MARCHAND LED PERUVIAN DELEGATIONS TO NUMBEROUS LATIN AMERICAN AND INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CONFERENCES. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE WORKING COMMISSION FOR THE MINISTERIAL REUNION OF THE GROUP OF 77 AT THE 1972 SANTIAGO UNCTAD MEETING. MOST RECENT FOREIGN OFFICE POSITIONS
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OF AMBASSADOR MARCHAND HAVE BEEN UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC

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AFFAIRS AND UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FROM WHICH SLOT HE NOW MOVES TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL POSITION.

3. MARCHAND IS CONSIDERED TO BE A SUPPORTER OF THE "THIRD WORLD" APPROACH AND PERU'S HOPES TO HELP LEAD THIS MOVEMENT. HE AT THE SAME TIME IS PRAGMATIC AND UNDERSTANDS THE NECESSITY FOR DIALOGUE. MARCHAND HAS REGULARLY PROVED CORDIAL AND COOPERATIVE WITH THE EMBASSY.

4. OBSERVERS HAVE COMMENTED THAT MARCHAND IS BY NO MEANS AS "REVOLUTIONARY" AS THE FOREIGN MINISTRY PRONOUNCEMENTS ON "THIRD WORLD" AND OTHER THEMES. WE KNOW THAT MARCHAND HAS FRIENDS AMONG UPPER MIDDLE CLASS PERUVIANS AND CONTACTS AMONG AT LEAST SOME PRINCIPAL PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN IN LIMA. THESE CONTACTS, PLUS HIS LIKING FOR COMFORTABLE LIVING (HE OWNS A HOME IN ONE OF THE MOST FASHIONABLE LIMA SUBURBS AND HE AND HIS WIFE ARE REPORTED TO HAVE INDEPENDENT MEANS), MAY INDICATE HE IS A "REVOLUTIONARY" MORE BECAUSE THIS IS THE CURRENT GOP POLICY LINE THAT DUE TO STRONG PERSONAL CONVICTION. MARCHAND UNDERSTANDS AND SPEAKS ENGLISH WITH FACILITY.
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